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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Grant E. DUBOIS et al.

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For: NON CALORIC FROZEN

CARBONATED BEVERAGE

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above application, please amend this application, without prejudice, as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

8. The beverage according to claim 3, wherein the high-potency non-caloric sweetener is selected from at least one of aspartame, saccharin, acesulfame-K, cyclamate, and sucralose.

16. The beverage according to claim 13, wherein the freezing point depressant comprises a Sugar MNS selected from at least one of erythritol, isomalt, maltitol, lactitol, or fructo-oligosaccharide sweetener.

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